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Welfare caseload remains constant in July

LANSING – Family Independence Agency Director Douglas E. Howard announced today the July Family Independence Program (FIP) caseload was 70,440, on a par with the caseload in March 1970 when it was 69,328. The June 2001 caseload was 69,820.

“With the exception of ten modest increases, the caseload has declined each month since March 1994,” Howard said, “in 78 out of the last 88 months. During that time, the caseload dropped by 69 percent. That indicates our nationally recognized welfare reform efforts are working.”

Of the 70,440 cases in June, only 31,000 families (or about 45 percent) were required to participate in Work First and expected to work. Of the balance, about 19,000 were relatives raising children and 19,000 had a temporary condition that excluded them from the employment requirements. June data also show 63,331 families received day care for 122,966 children.

“Because of the ongoing decline in the need for assistance, we think this year’s average monthly caseload will remain lower than the average for fiscal year 2000,” Howard said.

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